

REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded to the instant application by the Examiner. Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination with this Amendment to further advance the prosecution of the present application. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections present in the outstanding Office Action in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action dated July 7, 2005. In the Office Action Claims 1-7 were rejected and the rejection made final. Claims 1-7 are all independent claims. On September 15, 2005, Applicant's counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which the present application and the Ahmad reference were discussed. No agreement, however, was reached with respect to the claims of the present application. The Examiner suggested that a Request for Reconsideration reiterating the Applicant's position might prove to be beneficial in advancing the prosecution of the present application and, therefore, Applicant filed a Request for Reconsideration on September 23, 2005.

The Office has subsequently entered an Advisory Action, dated October 20, 2005, considering the Applicant's remarks and concluding the application is not in condition for allowance. In the Advisory Action the Examiner explained, "The Applicant has argued that Ahmad does not teach or suggest generating a license key at a terminal. Claim 1 does not specifically require this limitation since the claim allows for the generating of a license key to be done at the server which is taught by Ahmad. The claims must require

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this to be allowable over Ahmad and therefore require amendment." (Advisory Action Continuation Sheet) All of the claims have been amended to include, generating a license key at the information terminal of the user. The Applicant intends no change in the scope of the claims by the changes made by these amendments. Also, these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability, but instead made merely to expedite prosecution.

Before proceeding further, Applicant would like to note that in the Applicant's "Remarks" section of its Request for Reconsideration filed on September 23, 2005, extensive discussion was given regarding the patentability of the present invention as well as many of its distinguishing characteristics over the applied art. These remarks remain fully applicable to the presently amended claims and Applicant asks that they be considered along with these remarks. Therefore, the Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the Remarks section of its Request for Reconsideration filed on September 23, 2005, as if it were fully set forth herein.

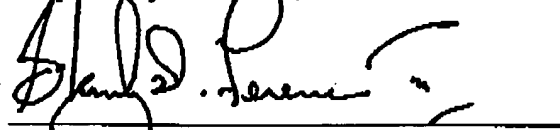
As the Examiner rightly indicated, Ahmad does not disclose an invention in which a license key is generated at the user's terminal as presently claimed. More specifically, the present amended claims indicate, broadly speaking, that information capable of generating an L-key can be transmitted to a user's terminal, which allows for the generation of an L-key at the terminal as well. As has been explained in Applicant's prior remarks, the CICO of Ahmad does not meet such an element since it fails to be generated at the user's terminal and is, instead, simply downloaded when licensing is sought. In addition the CICO is not generated using the same information as is the present invention,

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i.e., from a P-key, user ID, and Time. The present L-key elements, as well as others identified in the Applicant's previous remarks, indicate all of the claimed limitations are not taught or suggested by Ahmad or any officially noticed art. The rejections based on 103 (a) should, therefore, be withdrawn at this time because a *prima facie* case of obviousness must include the disclosure or suggestion of all the elements of the claim for which it is being cited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-7 are fully distinguishable over the applied art and immediately allowable. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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